Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment After Final Action be admitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Applicant submits that this Amendment presents claims in better form for consideration on appeal. Furthermore, applicant believes that consideration of this Amendment could lead to favorable action that would remove one or more issues for appeal.

No claims have been amended. No claims have been canceled. Therefore, claims 1-33 are now presented for examination.

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 26-31.

Claims 1-25 and 32-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Particularly, the Final Office Action asserts that the rejected claims "appear to be **concrete and tangible** in the context of the claim; however, the **useful** result is lacking." See Final Office Action at page 3, first paragraph.

Applicant submits that the rejected claims produce a useful result. For example, claim 1 recites a functional unit to **process packed format values** by **converting a first packed first format value** in a first format selected from a first plurality of packed first format values in the first format **to a first plurality of second format values**. Independent claims 15, 20 and 32 each recite similar limitations. Thus, applicant respectfully submits that the rejected claims are patentable in view of §101.

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Applicant submits that the rejections have been overcome, and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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